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1. History and Purpose:

The Hoover Collection on International Communism was established as a collection within Academic Library Services' Special Collections in 1968. The collection was a gift of Dr. J.C. Peele of Kinston, North Carolina, who received the personal permission of J. Edgar Hoover to name the collection. A subsequent donation was made in 1991 by Arbor Gray, a former FBI agent. Another addition was the 1990s purchase of a substantial collection of radical literature from a New York book dealer. Related supporting materials are housed in the Joyner general stacks, the microform collection (Underground Newspaper Collection), Federal Documents Collection, and the East Carolina Manuscript Collection (J.C. Peele, M.D. Papers, Manuscript Collection # 1030).

The Hoover Collection supports the curriculum and research needs of students and faculty of East Carolina University, especially those engaging in research in political science, public policy, history, and interdisciplinary studies. In addition, the collection preserves and makes available for research printed materials documenting communism and social protest activity in the United States during the Cold War era.

Scope:

The Hoover Collection contains over 8,600 printed monographs, journals, pamphlets, newspapers, and other ephemeral publications. Strengths include the development of communism in the Soviet Union, mainland China, and eastern Europe, as well as the activities of communist organizations in the United States. The collection also documents connections to Hollywood, American labor organizations, the Civil Rights movement, and the campus-based, anti-war protests of the 1960s and 1970s. The materials represent every decade of the twentieth century, but the bulk of the publications date from the 1930s through the 1970s.

Acquisitions:

The Hoover Collection may grow through donations, purchase, and transfers from other library collections. Future purchases and donations should focus primarily on protest movements and Communist activities in the Southern United States.

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